

Farmers Not Causing High Cost of Living

Organization Needed to Increase Present Production

In this day of unrest the country needs a steady influence of a real level-headed organization of farmers.

With strikes and idlers causing millions of days lost from production, the cost of living can never come down.

It is definitely known that the farmer is not causing the high cost of living. Furthermore, that only by long hours of labor the unpaid work of farm women and children, the self-denial of the whole farm family, and the exhaustion of soil fertility, has it been possible to carry on farming operations.

The farmer must be paid cost of production plus a reasonable profit, or food production must suffer.

Farmers organized in county units, these county units into state units, these state units into a National Federation of Farmers, will make the business of farming respected and secure justice for the farmers, consumers, and all.

This organization campaign is on in full swing at the present time, Iowa having 140,000 members, Michigan 175,000, Illinois well over the 100,000 mark, Indiana nearing the 100,000 mark, and these with Kentucky, Kansas and other states brings the total at the present time considerably over one-half million. This organization must not be confused with the former Farm Bureau organizations which were very insufficiently financed to meet the needs of the organization.

It is impossible for any organization whether it be of farmers or others to be able to carry out any plans worth while on the past financial basis and a short term of membership; organizations in the past having failed in a measure for this reason. Immediately upon being confronted with some worthwhile task, a touch on the pocket-book revealed the fact that there were not sufficient funds for meeting the need at hand.

The average union coal miner pays into his organization \$256 per year. No farmer would be classed with a coal miner when his investment or ability was considered. As has been stated before, 20 per cent of our membership fee is paid to the state association, and 20 per cent of that 20 per cent goes to the national organization, the remaining 80 per cent is left in the county to be handled by the officers elected and intrusted with its expenditure. It is a foregone conclusion that the organization will not be afraid to entrust the expenditure of this fund to a body of directors who are elected by popular vote of the membership.

A few farmers have passed judgment hastily on the proposed plan of organization without being posted entirely upon the scope of the work. You must consider that this organization is county, state, and nation wide; formed, financed and officered by farmers for farmers' interests. It is the first workable plan for such an organization that has ever been presented.

Watch the newspaper and your mail boxes for material which will acquaint you with the aims and possibilities of such an organization. Those who have reminded outside the organization will reap a benefit but no red-blooded Ameri-

can farmer desires to shift the responsibility for the organization and carrying out of which will be of benefit to all without assisting in the work, both in time and finances. Give this matter your careful consideration before rejecting membership in the organization. W. P. Brinkley, President Linn County Farm Bureau.

High School Notes

Monday of this week began the second semester of school. Most of the student survived the quarterly exams., of last week and each student determined to put forth a greater effort and accomplish more during the last half of the school year, than was accomplished during the first half.

Through the kindness of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church, song books have been ordered for the high school, to replace the books that so mysteriously disappeared two years ago.

The senior class is very busy this week being interviewed by representatives of jewelry firms for class rings and pins.

Three new subjects were taken up at the beginning of the semester—economics, solid geometry and arithmetic. The students are showing signs of interest in these subjects and it is thought that their progress will be rapid.

The boys of the high school gave a party Friday night for the girls of the high school. All report an enjoyable time.

Nolan Pulliam entered school Monday and we are glad to welcome him as a member of the senior class.

While on his way home from school Friday evening Locel Bailey's horse fell on him and injured his foot. It is hoped that he will soon be able to return to school. A. G., G. P.

Methodist Episcopal Church

W. H. Layton, Pastor.

Sunday school 9:45. Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, morning theme, "A Woman's Faith," evening subject, "Lamps that Go Out." Epworth League 6:45. The public is cordially invited to any and all services. You need the church and the church needs you.

National Farm Loan Association

Mr. J. W. Henry, representing Federal Farm Loan Association of St. Louis, spent all of last week in this county and on Saturday at a central meeting in Linneus, organized the Linneus National Farm Loan Association with thirty-five charter members with applications for loans amounting to \$233,750.00.

The officers are as follows: W. P. Brinkley, Linneus, president; Leslie G. Kelley, Brookfield, vice president; Ross Nichols, county agent, secretary-treasurer.

The directors are: C. W. Schoch, H. B. Stone, Emmitt Davis, John A. Loomis, C. Bevier, S. J. Gooch, Roy J. Guyer, Ellsworth Swain, D. B. Stark.

Applications for loans may be made to the secretary at any time.

Farm For Sale

A good 80 acre farm, 1 mile from town, church and high school, for sale. Inquire at this office.

For Sale

My farm at the west edge of Lake. E. E. GOULD.

New Player Piano For Sale

We offer for immediate sale a brand new Player Piano quality fully guaranteed, located near Lake. Liberal terms to responsible parties. Particulars will be furnished to anyone addressing E. B. Guild Music Co., 1119 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

J. W. Pulliam & Son

Laclede, Missouri

Having bought and restocked the business formerly owned by Kraft & Brenner we are now open for business, and we solicit your patronage. We have just got in a new line of Ladies Georgette and Crepe waists with both short and long sleeves, also some new silks and draperies. Our line is not yet complete, but will be by spring, as we have quite a supply of Ladies ready-to-wear bought.

If you are in need of Groceries
Look over the list of specials below.

Specials for next week

And Saturday of This Week.

Oriental steel cut coffee per lb.	35c	4 bars Tar soap.....	25c
Brown beans, per lb.	06c	4 bars Ivory soap.....	25c
Split brown beans, per lb.	04c	2 cans Blackberries.....	15c
White soup beans, per lb.	10c	2 cans Gooseberries.....	15c
Rice, per lb.	10c	2 cans Blueberries.....	15c
Calumet baking powder, per can....	05c	Coal oil, per gal.....	17c
6 bars Lenox soap.....	25c	Sea Fam Na tha powder.....	05c
4 bars Ben Hur.....	25c	Star Naptha powder.....	05c
4 P. & G. soap.....	25c	2 pkg. Golden Age spaghetti.....	15c



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I am in good standing and popular all over the world. I am esteemed and respected by all who really know me. I am looking for work—more work. I just love to work long hours—evenings, holidays and Sundays.

I am a good "mixer" in all classes of society and a charming entertainer—a wonderful imitator—in very truth, a magician. I sing and speak, like a native, in every language and every dialect under the sun and I play every musical instrument with the skill of a master.

I am a Mighty Clever Phonograph

My Name Is *The Brunswick* And I Am

The Universal Talking Machine Supreme

I play all Records—any make, all records without attachments. I got all the tones but not the scratch. I make all Records better—make old Records like new.

I have set a new standard in phonography—the oldest, the biggest and the best people in the trade say so—musical critics say so—everybody says so and what everybody says must be so.

A word from you puts me in your home for a few days trial. Give me a chance to prove all that I have said about myself.

My home in Linn County is at the Music Store of M. Y. Rusk in Brookfield. Certainly you can purchase me on terms.

M. Y. Rusk Music Store, Brookfield.